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1. a. A train of 15 boxcars and 8 flatcars, carrying 7 trucks and 1 passenger car, passed through WITTENBERGE (M 53/Y 62) during the early morning hours and proceeded towards STENDAL (M 53/Y 85).

c. The train, which had come from the direction of LUDWIGSLUST (M 54/T 53), was escorted by 25 troops wearing red-bordered, black epaulets. \*

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2. Two express-train coaches, occupied by about 20 officers and 130 troops of tank units, were coupled to the regular express train, running the ROSTOCK-WITTENBERGE-STENDAL-LEIPZIG line, at about 11 a.m. Most of the troops were unarmed. The express-train coaches had arrived in WITTENBERGE, coupled to a passenger train coming from the direction of WITTSTOCK-PENLEBERG. \*\*

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3. a. A train, coming from the direction of LUDWIGSLUST, passed through WITTENBERGE at about 9 p.m. and proceeded towards STENDAL.

b. The train carried 20 canvas-covered tanks, 4 trucks, 3 motorcycles and a 25-man escort party with red-bordered, black epaulets. Seven boxcars were attached to the train.

Comment:

\* the Hq of the Third Shock Army and GHQ units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (POTSDAM area; frequently reported in connection with engineers). The train possibly

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carried a collective shipment of motor vehicles in need of repair.

\*\* Probably officers and troops who were shipped home for discharge.

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